Reduction in the prices of finished Medicines

1398. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 994 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 3rd August, 1987 and state:

(a) what are the details of action taken for reducing the prices of finished medicines of Infar and Warner Hindustan due to excess profits; and

(b) what is the percentage and number of products of those two companies under price control against the total products being marketed by each of them?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) with the announcement of new DPCO, 1987, the studies of profitability of the companies made under DPCO, 1979 are no longer relevant. It is too early to assess their profitabilities reference to the new DPCO, 1987.

Electrification of Saleemgarh Colony

1399. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact despite several surveys made by DESU authorities, the Saleemgarh Colony near Red Fort, Delhi remains without electricity connections;

(b) whether it is also a fact that all the residents in the colony who are ration card holders and the adult members who are also registered voters,, have sent several representations to DESU authorities to provide temporary connections to them on flat rate basis; and

(c) if so, what steps Government have taken to attend to their demands?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Prices of Vitamin Preparations and tonics

1400. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 111 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 25th April, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the drug companies were found concentrating towards the manufacture of Vitamin preparations and tonics instead of other essential drugs;

(b) if so, how the increase in Park up and decontrol of prices will discourage the production of tonics;

(c) whether it is a fact that certain drug companies went to various courts against the price fixation orders of vitamin preparations and tonics;

(d) if so, names of those companies, the products involved, the price fixed and the price charged by the company;

(e) whether it is a fact that the companies are enjoying their own prices of vitamin preparations and tonics even upto today and his Ministry is totally helpless to take any action against them;

(f) whether his Ministry has revised the prices of any vitamin preparations and tonics under DPCO, 1987; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO). (a) and (b) In some cases there may have been such a tendency. Under the new DPCO all combinations containing Vitamins are price controlled